

President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. Binger Agency, Inc., Binger, Oklahoma; to merge with Midstate Bancorp, Inc., Hinton, Oklahoma, and thereby indirectly acquire Legacy Bank TC, Blanchard, Oklahoma, and Legacy Bank, Hinton, Oklahoma.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 22, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 2, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: May 23, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. OPRE-97-1]

Availability of Funds and Requests for Applications for Welfare Reform Studies and Analyses

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; ACF; DHHS.

ACTION: Announcement of the availability of funds and requests for

applications for welfare reform studies and analyses (OPRE-97-1).

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces that competing applications are being accepted for funding to stimulate research and support a wide range of studies and analyses of varied aspects of welfare program changes at the national, state and local levels. This research will address the effects of welfare reform changes on families and children; the experiences of states and localities involved in implementing changes; or the experiences, responses and impacts on other entities or programs involved in implementing changes. Organizations eligible to apply for this Federal funding include public entities; private for-profit organizations (if fee is waived); and public or private nonprofit organizations, including universities. Federal funding under this announcement is intended to support research analysis and evaluation exclusively, not program operation or service provision. Projects funded under this announcement are intended to complement other aspects of the ACF research strategy for welfare reform evaluation and study. Funding under this announcement is intended to stimulate research and support a wide range of studies or components of studies and analyses of welfare program changes brought about by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and specifically the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. Subject to the availability, funding under this announcement is authorized by section 1110 of the Social Security Act governing Social Services Research and Demonstration activities (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 93.647) and is intended to support research analysis and evaluation, not program operation or service provision. ACF anticipates providing up to \$1.95 million for the total group of approved projects in FY 1997 and up to \$750,000 in FY 1998, subject to the availability of funds in each year, and a like amount in succeeding years. We estimate that this level of funding will support 4 to 8 separate projects under this announcement in FY 1997.

CLOSING DATE: The closing date for submission of applications is July 28, 1997. Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late.

MAILING ADDRESS: Lois B. Hodge, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants—Room 6C-462, 370 L'Enfant

Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447.

For hand delivered applications or applications sent via over-night mail services, use: ACF MAIL ROOM—2nd floor. Attn: Lois B. Hodge, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Discretionary Grants, 901 D Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Overview

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 brings historic changes to state control over the design of Federally funded public assistance under title IV-A of the Social Security Act as well as changes regarding how states choose to delegate decisions and administrative control to local agencies and authorities. These changes create the need to explore a broad array of issues to understand the effects on families and the varied institutions involved and to document programs and initiatives put in place to encourage and support self-sufficiency among welfare recipients.

ACF's national strategy for welfare reform research and evaluation is multi-faceted, including initiatives such as the State Welfare Reform Evaluation projects, the Child Care Research Partnership projects, the Project on State-Level Child Outcomes, the National Longitudinal Study of Children and Families in the Child Welfare System, and Departmental collaborations on topics such as employment stability and immigration and public assistance. The purpose of this announcement is to stimulate research and augment ongoing studies that are consistent with ACF's multi-faceted strategy and address areas not adequately covered by other projects in our welfare reform research and evaluation agenda. While we have identified some specific areas of interest to ACF within this announcement, researchers are encouraged to submit their own ideas and rationale for potential topics. This broad approach will assist ACF in continuing to develop research questions pertinent to welfare reform programs and policies and to fund projects that offer the most promise to adequately address such questions.

Currently, there is a great deal of activity in research institutes and firms,